

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Song of the Seasons.

When Spring comes laughing,
By vane and hill,
By wind-flower waking
And daffodil—
Sing stars of morning,
Sing morning glories,
Sing blue of sparrow,
And my Love's eyes.

When comes the Summer,
Full-leaved and strong,
And gay bird's gossip
The orchard long—
Sing him, sweet honey,
That no bee slips;
Sing red, red roses,
And my Love's lips.

When Autumn scatters
The leaves again,
And piled leaves bury
The broad-wheeled wain—
Sing flutes of harvest,
Where men rejoice;
Sing rounds of reapers—
And my Love's voice.

But when comes Winter,
With hail and storm,
And red fire roaring
And ingle warm—
Sing first and going
Of friends that part;
Then sing glad meeting—
And my Love's heart.

—Austin Dobson.

Concerning Jamestown.

Mr. Plummer F. Jones has written for the July number of "The World To-day" an article on "Jamestown and Its Tercentennial of 1907," that is well calculated to show the reasons why the approaching Jamestown Exposition must be different from any that has preceded it, or that is destined to come afterward.

To support his assertions, excellent illustrations appear on his pages, a map of the historic localities surrounding the site of the Jamestown Exposition, a picture of the old church tower at Jamestown Island, of old Bruton Parish Church and of William and Mary College at Williamsburg; of Hampton Roads and the Moore house on Temple farm, Yorktown; a portion of Jamestown Island, and the famous James River homes lying between Richmond and the island—Shirley, Westover and Brandon.

The matter of the article, bearing upon the character of the exhibit at the Jamestown Tercentennial, and descriptive of localities that have grown famous in song and story, is written in very attractive manner, and cannot fail to appeal with special force to Richmond and Virginia people.

The Glorious Fourth.

Richmond society people have a fashion of taking their Fourth of July sedately, and yesterday was no exception to the rule.

A number went to Virginia Beach and Hotel Chamberlin for the day; many more left to join country house parties that now are in full swing all over the State.

Governor Claude Swanson spoke yesterday at the Mecklenburg Hotel, Chase City, and was a prominent figure at the banquet, which crowned the festivities of the day, last evening, but Mrs. Swanson, declining invitations to accompany him, or to go to Monticello, thrown hospitably open the summer of the Fourth to the Fourth quietly at the Mansion, Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson had a delightful family party at their country home, Wyndover, on the Ivy Road, near the University of Virginia.

The colony of Richmond people occupying country homes in Albemarle and Orange counties, in upper Virginia, celebrated the day with true, old-fashioned hospitality. Those who have not yet taken their flight to seashore or mountains ate their "Brunswick stew" and popped their first crackers here, with much thankfulness of heart for comfortable weather.

At the Jefferson Park Pavilion and Hotel, near Charlottesville, Va., the Fourth was kept very merrily, indeed, last evening, the coronation ball, following the tournament given at the Albemarle Horse Show grounds, being given at the pavilion and the banquet in the dining hall of the hotel.

Mr. George Mason, of Charlottesville, led the ball, and a number of Richmond girls were present.

Midsummer German.

Mr. James R. Bondurant, of Danville, gave a delightful midsummer German last evening at the Academy of Music, in that city, complimentary to the Martinsville German Club.

The German was led by Mr. J. S. Oiler, and the following were the chorists: Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Penn, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gravelly, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Gravelly, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Keese and Colonel and Mrs. Pannell Ruckes.

Cards Issued.

Major Francis Peabody Leavenworth, of Petersburg, has issued invitations for the wedding of his daughter, Helen McGill, to Mr. R. S. Blackburn Smith, of Berryville, Clarke county, Va. The wedding will take place at noon on Saturday, July 7th.

Mr. Smith is a native of Baltimore, a nephew of the late Governor Francis Thomas, of Maryland, and a rising young lawyer.

Sail for Boston.

Miss Kate Elmore Puller and Miss Laura Atkinson sailed yesterday for Boston, where they will attend the Summer School of Expression. Their many friends will miss them during the next few weeks.

Miss Puller will go to Chautauque, where she will give several recitals, after she has completed here post-graduate course.

Balcony Party To-night.

The ladies of the Church of the Covenant will give a balcony party this evening from 8 to 11 o'clock in the home of Rev. Dr. John N. Stewart, No. 1051 West Grace Street. The entertainment

Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

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CREATIVE ART

By WILLIAM WORDSWORTH.

In Wordsworth's work this sonnet is entitled "To R. B. Haydon, Esq." Haydon was a painter. Other selections from Wordsworth, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

High is our calling, friend! Creative Art
(Whether the instrument of words she use,
Or pencil pregnant with ethereal hues)
Demands the service of a mind and heart,
Though sensitive, yet, in their weakest part,
Heroically fashioned—to infuse
Faith in the whispers of the lonely muse,
While the whole world seems adverse to desert;
And, oh! when Nature sinks, as oft she may,
Through long-lived pressure of obscure distress,
Still to be strenuous for the bright reward,
And in the soul admit of no decay—
Brook no continuance of weak-mindedness:
Great is the glory, for the strife is hard!

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Personal Mention.

Miss Lena Pollard, of Richmond, and Miss Mary Mattox, of Petersburg, are the guests of Miss Willie Scott in Portsmouth.

Mrs. Catesby Jones has returned from Washington, where she spent the winter.

Mr. W. R. L. Smith spent the Fourth at Buckroe Beach.

The Rev. Dr. W. N. Scott and Miss Agnes Scott, of Staunton, passed through Richmond yesterday on their way to Boston, where they will sail for Edinburgh to spend the summer in Scotland.

Mr. Willie Pepon in Fredericksburg for a short visit.

Mrs. C. L. Cooke is visiting her sisters, the Misses Trout, in Staunton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bickers, who have been the guests of Mrs. Agnes Holland, in Salem, have returned home.

Mr. Guy F. Ellett, who has been in the city on business, has returned to his home, in Staunton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Whitman, of Danville, recently paid a short visit to Richmond, on their way to Washington and Baltimore.

Mrs. H. H. Dickey, who has been in Richmond with her husband at the hospital, has returned to her home, in Christiansburg.

Dr. S. B. Moon recently visited his sisters, Mrs. Tyler Goodwin and Mrs. David W. Hancock, in Albemarle county.

Miss Isabel Walker is the guest of relatives in King and Queen county.

Mr. Russell Bargamlin is visiting in Lynchburg.

Mrs. Silas Shelburn is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George W. Richardson, in Marion, Va.

Mr. Edward Cassell, of Lynchburg, spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. W. J. Young and son, Walter, are the guests of Mrs. Peter Ainslie, in Lynchburg.

Senator Thomas S. Martin has joined his wife and children at "Scotlands," his country home, in Albemarle county. The Senator will not be compelled to go to Washington as frequently this summer as usual, because he has now a messenger, as well as a secretary, at his service.

Messrs. M. L. Rose and Edgar Currier, of this city, are at the Carroll Hotel, in Lynchburg.

Mr. F. A. Green has returned from a visit to Fredericksburg.

Messrs. William Heffner and S. G. Mason spent yesterday at "Camp Sky High," Drewry's Bluff.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gordon, of New York, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hawes, in Harrisonburg. Mrs. Gordon was formerly Miss Hollis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hollis, of Winchester.

Mr. Marc Bradley, who was a student at Richmond College last year, has returned to his home in Staunton, after a visit to Washington.

Mrs. Ada G. Hawkins, who has been visiting friends here, has returned to her home in Fredericksburg.

Mr. John M. Miller is visiting relatives in Lynchburg.

Mr. Guy F. Ellett has returned to Christiansburg after a visit of a few days to Richmond.

Miss Josephine Dennen has returned to Memorial Hospital after spending some weeks with her parents at Pocahontas, Va.

Mr. Milton Elliott entertained at the Richmond Club, in Norfolk, Va., in honor of Misses Louise, Betty and Lucy Cooke, of the University of Virginia. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hughes, Dr. Bradford Burwell, United States Army, and Judge A. R. Hancock.

The ladies of the Commonwealth Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, who have arrangements for the 10th of July moonlight excursion in hand, have placed tickets at J. B. Mosby & Co.'s, on Broad Street, for the convenience of the many who wish to go.

Mrs. W. M. Bickers, of the W. C. T. U., and Mr. Bickers, grand regent of the Royal Arcanum, who have been guests of Mrs. Agnes Holland in Salem, Va., have returned home.

Mrs. Robert Carter Nelson is spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Pope, in Greensboro, N. C. Mr. Nelson has gone North on a business trip.

The index of the Second Presbyterian church, in Staunton, have placed on the right wall of the church a tablet in memory of the Rev. Herbert H. Hawes, containing the following inscription: "In Memoriam Rev. Herbert H. Hawes, D. D., 1834-1906, pastor of this church from 1885 to 1901."

Miss Minnie L. Daniel, daughter of Mr. J. M. Daniel, assistant cashier of the People's Bank of Bedford City, and Mr. T. W. Richardson, editor of the Bedford Bulletin, will be married at the residence of the bride's father at 2:30 P. M. on July 7th, and will start at once on a trip to Colorado and other places in

VIRGINIA FARMS ARE IN DEMAND

Farmers of the Frigid Northwest Turning Their Eyes Longingly to Old Dominion.

PROSPECTORS ARE COMING

Auction Sales of City Property Announced for the Balance of Week.

When the grain has been harvested in the teeming West and when the corn is laid by the farmers in that part of the country have a little breathing spell.

There are several Virginia real estate agents who have received information that there are many farmers in the cold and uncertain Northwest who have their eyes turned longingly to the more salubrious South, and especially to Virginia, and numbers of them, perhaps more than a hundred, have signified their intention to take advantage of the breathing spell that comes after harvesting, as above stated, to run down to old Virginia and view the prospect for themselves.

Messrs. Casselman & Company, of this city, who deal exclusively in farm property in Virginia, have many letters from Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Minnesota and other Northwest States that lead this enterprising firm to think there is going to be something doing in Virginia farm lands between now and fall; something that will lay in the shade all previous records along this line.

Mr. George C. Wiles, of this firm, is about to start on a trip to Wisconsin to see some of the men who have been writing about coming to Virginia, and the probability is that when he returns he will bring with him a number of prospectors.

The firm of Casselman & Company has already settled a large number of splendid Northwest farmers on Virginia lands, and every one of them who reached the harvest stage on a Virginia farm does not hesitate to express delight at the results.

City Real Estate Doings.

Of course there was nothing doing in city real estate yesterday. None of the agencies even opened doors, but it was said in the afternoon that some agents who were out in the suburbs enjoying the holiday, took particular pains to celebrate the Glorious Fourth at or about some splendid real estate that they have for sale, and they did not fail to show people who were enjoying the holiday in the same neighborhood the beauties of the same. It may develop later that some sales were practically made.

The following auction sales are announced for this week:

To-day at 5 o'clock J. B. Elam & Company will sell for G. Jackson, of Jackson, special commissioner, three well-located two-story brick buildings, Nos. 508 and 508 North Adams Street, and No. 11 West Leigh Street.

At 5 o'clock Pollard & Bagby will sell for Special Commissioner D. C. Richardson valuable property at the northwest corner of Twenty-fifth and Venable Streets.

To-morrow (Friday) at 5 o'clock H. A. McCurdy will sell the two-story brick dwelling, No. 1802 West Clay Street.

MR. PLANT TO RESUME.

Comptroller of the Southern Railway to Go on Stand To-Day.

The Corporation Commission will resume its session on the freight rate hearing at 11 o'clock this morning, and Mr. A. H. Plant, the Comptroller of the Southern Railway Company, will again go under Mr. Braxton's fire on cross-examination.

Mr. Plant has already testified at great length, but we allowed an intermission by agreement of counsel before his evidence was all in.

The beginning of the end of the inquiry is not yet in sight. The Southern Railway, the first called, and although the investigation has been on since June 5th, with brief intermissions, this has not yet a good many witnesses to put on. There are nine others cited to appear, and the inquiry may run far into the coming winter, to say nothing of the slow and easy stages by which it must subsequently move in the courts.

WRITES HIS BROTHER.

Former Governor A. J. Montague Says All Are Well.

Mr. R. Lynch Montague is in receipt of a letter from his brother, former Governor Andrew Jackson Montague, in which the latter says all in his party are well.

The former Virginia Executive is on his way to the Pan American Congress, to be shortly held at Rio de Janeiro, of which he is a member. He wrote the letter just after leaving Liverpool, and it was taken up and posted by a packet-boat which spoke his steamer.

Mr. Montague and Miss Gay are in the party, the two younger children being with relatives in King and Queen county, during the absence of their parents.

The congress will convene in a short while, and Secretary Root will join the party in a few days.

At Mr. Montague's office it was said yesterday that he would probably return about September 30th.

LIGHT PLANT TO-NIGHT.

Committee on Finance to Pass Finally on the Proposition.

The Committee on Finance will meet to-night to take up the ordinance establishing a municipal light plant at the old Pump House, and chances now seem largely in favor of its adoption.

Alderman W. T. Dabney, who has been the indefatigable leader of the movement, is a member of the Finance Committee, and will be the chief spokesman for the proposed new enterprise. It has been endorsed by the Committee on Electricity, and but little, if any, opposition is expected in the Committee on Finance.

Leaders in both branches of the Council seem to think that the scheme will go through, and that as soon as the plant can be put into operation the city will be generating her own electric light and power, rather than purchasing it from some private corporation.

Governor Coming To-day.

Governor Claude A. Swanson will return from Chase City to-day. His Excellency made the principal speech at the Fourth of July celebration yesterday.

She Saw.


"You must not see him any more," "She heard her mother say so. And though she did her fate deplore, She promised to obey."

"I must not see you, sir!" she cried "When he appeared that night, 'Why, then,' the thoughtful youth replied, 'We must turn out the light.'"

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